

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 (Currently Amended). A method for treating loss of near vision in a patient comprising:

[form] ablating a peripheral zone in the cornea [having] to a high refractive power to provide corrected near vision for the patient.

2 (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein said peripheral zone is exceeds about 5.5mm.

3 (Original). The method of claim 2 wherein said peripheral zone has a diameter of less than about 10mm.

4 (Original). The method of claim 1 wherein the refractive power of said peripheral zone is changed without changing the refractive power of a remaining central zone.

5 (Original). The method of claim 4 wherein said central zone has a diameter of about 5 mm.

6 (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising changing the refractive power of a central zone of the cornea disposed concentrically within said peripheral zone to revert said refractive power to its value before the formation of said peripheral zone.

7 (Original). The method of claim 1 further comprising changing the refractive power of a central zone of the cornea disposed concentrically within said peripheral zone to treat said central zone for vision loss other than near vision deficiency.

Claims 8-16 (Previously Canceled)